D. P. E. A. Liability

2079. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred question 1227 given in Rajya Sabha on 4-3-94 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that process of granting hearings to those having DPEA liability was started two and a half years back and none of the cases have been finalised so far;

(b) if so, the details of the cases finalised and what is the present status of each;

(c) what are the details of hearing granted to these parties upto 15th July, 1993 and the outcome of each hearing; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that no fresh liability has been assessed during this period and if so, what steps have been taken to expedite the recovery ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The following cases have been finalised and orders for recoveries issued :

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of Cos.	Product	Amount Liability	Amount Deposited
1.	M/s Pfizer	Oxytatracycline	87.61	43.80
2.	M/s Pfizer	Multi-Vitamins	38.00	49.00
3.	M/s Sandoz	Multi-Vitamins	74.68	37.64
4.	M/s Abbott	Multi-Vitamins	182.38	91.15
5.	M/s Borroughs Wellcome	Sulphamethoxazole	191.15	NIL

After completing the hearings in cases at S. No. 1 to 4 the orders were issued against which these companies filed writ petitions in the High Court and as per direction of the Court these companies have deposited 50% of their liabilities. In case of S. No. 5 the notice has been issued on 23-7-1993.

(d) Effort's are being made to obtain the data from the concerned companies and in case the companies do not furnish the same, liability against them would be worked out on the basis of data available from other sources.

Price of Vitamin B6

2080. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether IDPL have represented against the high price being charged for Vitamin B6 by the other producer and also import of the penultimates by the said producer;

(b) the price being charged for Vitamin B6 by the two producers and the details of imports of major intermediates made by them during last two years and the custom duty on such intermediates at present;

(c) the CIF import price of the drug at present; and

(d) whether it is a fact that import of intermediates and penultimates has been allowed to one of the parties out of the way and if so, what are the reasons for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) IDPL has brought to the notice of the Government cheaper imports of Vitamin B6 and the consequent reduction of prices of Vitamin B6 by the other local manufacturer.

(b) to (d) Vitamin B6 is price-decontrolled as a bulk drug. Vitamin B6 as well as its intermediates can be imported without licence. At present the custom duty on the intermediate required for the manufacture of Vitamin B6 is leviable @ 50%. Imports of drug intermediates are not monitored.

Drug production by IDPL and HAL

2081. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :